

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (currently amended) An extension device for automotive vehicles, such as dumpers (1), comprising a framework with a front end section (13) and a rear end section (14), said automotive vehicles including a forward vehicle section (2), supporting the prime mover, exhibiting a first articulation member (25), and a rear vehicle section (3) exhibiting a second articulation member (22), said first (25) and second articulation members (22) being intended for connection with each other and for allowing pivoting of the vehicle sections (2, 3), in relation to each other, about a longitudinal axis of the automotive vehicle, ~~characterised by~~ wherein at least one of said end sections (13, 14) ~~being provided with~~ includes a third articulation member (19) intended for connection with one of said first (25) or second (22) articulation members, and further comprising a guide pin (21) with a substantially cylindrical cross-section being arranged on the rear end section (14); and wherein said guide pin includes means for supporting a cardan shaft portion (27) extending through the extension device (10).
2. (currently amended) The extension device for automotive vehicles according to claim 1, ~~characterised by~~ wherein said first articulation member

(25) ~~comprising~~ comprises a pivot pin having a circular cross section and being intended for connection with said third articulation member (19) consisting of a pivot sleeve with a circular cross section.

3. (currently amended) The extension device for automotive vehicles according to claim 2, ~~characterised by~~ wherein said framework ~~comprising~~ comprises at least two, substantially parallel girders (8, 9), extending between said end sections (13, 14).

4. (currently amended) An extension device for automotive vehicles according to any one of the previous claims, ~~characterised by~~ wherein said framework ~~comprising~~ comprises an upper supporting portion (11), a lower supporting portion (12) and side portions (15, 16, 17, 18), said portions extending between said end sections (13, 14).

5. (currently amended) The extension device for automotive vehicles according to claim 4, ~~characterised by~~ wherein said upper supporting portion (11) ~~being~~ is provided with an aperture (24), allowing access to the inside of the extension device (10).

6. (cancelled)

7. (currently amended) The extension device for automotive vehicles according to claim ~~61~~, ~~characterised by said guide pin (21) being provided with a bearing (28) preferably a ball bearing assembly (28)~~ wherein said means for supporting a cardan shaft portion (27) extending through the extension device (10) comprises a bearing (28).

8. (currently amended) The extension device for automotive vehicles according to claim ~~71~~, ~~characterised by~~ and further comprising a brake disc (32) being arranged on said cardan shaft portion (27), said disc co-operating, for braking, with a brake caliper (31) fixedly connected to the extension device (10).

9. (new) The extension device for automotive vehicles according to claim 7, wherein said bearing (28) comprises a ball bearing assembly.